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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for achieving increased directivity in listening situations where at least one microphone is embedded in a first structure and at least one microphone is embedded in a second structure, the first and the second structure being freely movable relative to each other to a distance corresponding to sound wavelengths at low frequency, the method comprising conveying a microphone signal from one structure to a common processing unit for the microphone signals in the other structure and successively processing the signals for achieving a directional output based on the microphone input in both structures, wherein low-frequency directivity is enhanced by said processing.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, where the signal to be transmitted from one structure to another structure is delayed.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 1 or 2, where the microphone signal of the one structure is amplified, attenuated, low-pass filtered and/or phase shifted to optimise the directivity.

Claim 4 (original): A method according to claim 1, 2 or 3, where in addition the distance and/or the spatial position of the one microphone is determined and conveyed to the processing unit.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A microphone array for achieving increased directivity in listening situations, where the array comprises at least two microphones for producing a corresponding

number of microphone signals, where one <u>a first</u> microphone is embedded in a first structure and a second microphone is embedded in a second structure, the first and the second structure being movable relative to each other to increase or decrease the distance between the <u>first and second</u> microphones in the first structure and the second structure to a distance corresponding to sound <u>wavelengths at low frequency</u>, where means are provided for conveying the signals from at least

microphone signals, wherein low-frequency directivity is enhanced by said common processing

one the first microphone and the second microphone to a common processing unit for the

<u>unit</u>.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A microphone array according to claim 5, where the distance between a-the first microphone in the first structure and a-the second microphone in the second structure may be brought to a mutual distance facilitating directivity processing below 1000 Hz.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A microphone array according to claim 5, where in addition means for determining the distance and/or the spatial position of the one-first microphone relative to the othersecond microphone.

Claim 8 (original): A microphone array according to claim 7 where, in addition, there are means for conveying the position to the processing unit.

Claim 9 (original): A microphone array according to any of the claims 5-8, where means are provided for conveying a microphone array signal to a head-worn device, e.g. a hearing aid, where these means for conveying may comprise a Radio Frequency (RF), inductive, Infra-Red (IR), wired or other transmission link.

Claim 10 (currently amended):

A hearing system comprising a hearing aid and a separate

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microphone unit spaced apart a distance corresponding to sound wavelengths at low frequency, where the microphone unit has at least one microphone unit and a transmitting capability enabling transmission of at least one microphone signal to the hearing aid, which on its side comprises a receiving capability for receiving the transmitted signal, a signal processing unit for processing the received microphone signal together with a microphone signal obtained by a microphone in the hearing aid and eventually preparing a processed directional signal for output through an output transducer in the hearing aid, wherein low-frequency directivity is enhanced by said signal processing unit.

Claim 11 (original): A hearing system according to claim 10, where the transmitting capability may comprises wireless a RF, inductive or IR transmission link or a wired link.

Claim 12 (original): A hearing aid for use in a system as defined in claim 10, where means are provided for receiving an additional external microphone input and for conveying these to a processing unit in the hearing aid, where the processing unit is adapted to provide a directional output based on the microphone inputs.

Claim 13 (original): A hearing aid according to claim 12, comprising a wireless receiver for receiving microphone input signals from an independent microphone unit.

Claim 14 (original): A microphone unit for use in a system as defined in claim 10, the unit comprising at least one microphone and a transmitter for transmitting a microphone signal to a hearing aid comprising a receiver.

Claim 15 (original): A microphone unit according to claim 14, comprising a wireless transmitter for transmitting microphone input signals to an independent hearing aid unit.